



STATEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER
HENNY EMAN
DURING VISIT OF
GOVERNOR RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLON



Your Excellency Governor Hernandez Colon
Excellency Ministers of Puerto Rico
Authorities and Members of the Puerto Rican
Delegation.

Ladies and Gentlemen

A warm Welcome to Aruba.

On behalf of the People and the Government of
Aruba I want to express our satisfaction that you
have accepted our invitation to be here today. Mr.
Governor, since my last visit to Puerto Rico, we
have started discussions on a range of matters
through which we can achieve mutual benefits for
the people of our countries. Today, we have the
opportunity to continue these discussions and work
towards a stronger relationship between Puerto Rico
and Aruba. Aruba, your Excellency Governor Colon,
has a special appreciation for the way in which you
have been employing effort for the advancement of
the Caribbean region.

We command the leadership and wisdom that you have
taken on relevant issues in the Caribbean region.
We welcome and encourage these efforts and I will
take this opportunity to convey to you that we will
not spare efforts to support these inspiring,
timely and challenging endeavors that undoubtedly
has created new opportunities for the region.

Your active identification with problems, interests, and concerns with your neighbors are strongly reminiscent of the earlier period of leadership which was offered to the developing world by your great leader and founder of your movement, Don Luis Munoz Marin; a period when, as I recall, students and others from around the world travelled to Puerto Rico to acquaint themselves with the basis of your highly successful "Operation Bootstrap". We are and will actively support your struggle for saving and achieving new economic, social and educational programs for development of Caribbean countries.

We hope that through this meeting and many more to come, we can start taking actions towards desired goals.